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Navigator's Notes

Worthy Sir Knights,

Time has come were we elect a new assembly and I am hoping anyone who wanted t be an assembly member got their name in. Voting will be soon and I am hoping everyone will have a chance to attend the meeting and get their votes in..

The Pork sale for May is still a go and we have a total of 72 pork butts being smoked. We will be processing them the 17th and handing them out on the 18th. If you are interested please contact Butch Boland at butchboland@gamil.com. They are still \$40.00 each and are 8 to ten Lbs. each.

As a reminder on May 18th we will support the Maple Hill Flag placement in honor of Veterans for Memorial Day. Start time is 0900 on that Saturday morning. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing as we do not know what the weather will be like that day. This is a RAIN OR SHINE event, please be weather aware.

There was a Spanish Exemplification 27 April in Russellville. Assembly 4 picked up 2 new members.

We still have locked into a Huntsville Exemplification 13 Jul 2024, 2PM with mass and dinner St Mary of the Visitation parish hall. Please try to participate and come in uniform.

Vivat Jesus
Robert (Bob) Wertz
Faithful Navigator



4th Degree Exemplification April 27, 2024 Good Shepherd Church, Russellville



Color Guard with 12 new Sir Knights.



Color Guard with North Alabama Spanish Exemplification team.

A Message from Deacon Lee Heckman

Sometimes we read or hear a Gospel passage many times over the years and accept it at face value. Then, after hearing that passage again something catches our attention to cause us to ponder how the message stated two thousand years ago is still relevant today.

I noted that included in the Knights of Columbus list was a Priest. This prompted me to delve a little deeper to see how many Medal of Honor recipients were priests. I discovered that of the approximately 3500 recipients of the Medal of Honor since it was first awarded in the Civil War only nine were chaplains. All five chaplain recipients since the civil war have been priests. Reviewing the citations' descriptions of why these priests were selected for the Medal of Honor caused me to contemplate on the Gospel of John, Chapter 15, verses 12 – 13: ***"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."***

Throughout the citations and descriptions of the actions supporting the award to these priests were statements that showed they lived these words. Below are examples from the two (Fr. Emil Joseph Kapaun and Fr. Vincent Robert Capodanno) who are under consideration for sainthood:

Captain "Fr." Emil Joseph Kapaun, U.S. Army, Korean War

"Chaplain KAPAUN calmly walked through withering enemy fire in order to provide comfort and medical aid to his comrades and rescue friendly wounded from no-man's land..."

Facing annihilation, the able-bodied men were ordered to evacuate. However, Chaplain KAPAUN, fully aware of his certain capture, elected to stay behind with the wounded. After the enemy succeeded in breaking through the defense in the early morning hours of November 2, Chaplain KAPAUN continually made rounds, as hand-to-hand combat ensued...

Shortly after his capture, Chaplain KAPAUN with complete disregard for his personal safety and unwavering resolve, bravely pushed aside an enemy soldier preparing to execute Sergeant First Class Herbert A. Miller. Not only did Chaplain KAPAUN'S gallantry save the life of Sergeant Miller, but also his unparalleled courage and leadership inspired all those present..."

During the ceremony, President Obama said he could not imagine "a better example for all of us" to follow than Kapaun. He referred to him as "an American soldier who didn't fire a gun but who wielded the mightiest weapon of all — a love for his brothers so pure that he was willing to die so that they might live."

Lieutenant "Fr." Vincent Robert Capodanno, U.S. Navy, Vietnam War

"...Lieutenant Capodanno left the relative safety of the Company Command Post and ran through an open area raked with fire, directly to the beleaguered platoon. Disregarding the intense enemy small-arms, automatic-weapons, and mortar fire, he moved about the battlefield administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. When an exploding mortar round inflicted painful multiple wounds to his arms and legs, and severed a portion of his right hand, he steadfastly refused all medical aid. Instead, he directed the corpsmen to help their wounded comrades and, with calm vigor, continued to move about the battlefield as he provided encouragement by voice and example to the valiant Marines..."

"¹² This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

13550 Chaney Thompson Road
(256) 882-1844

<http://www.goodshephsv.org>

Home to Council 11672

<http://Council11672.weebly.com>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM
	11:00 AM



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

625 Airport Road, Huntsville
(256) 881-4781

<http://holyspirithsv.com/>

Home to Council 764 and Assembly 0004

http://holyspirithsv.com/?page_id=966

<http://Assembly0004.weebly.com>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM
	9:00 AM
	11:45 AM
(Spanish)	2:00 pm
(Korean)	4:00 pm
(Spanish)	6:30 pm



Most Merciful Jesus

10509 Segers Road, Madison
(256) 258-8865

<http://www.mostmercifuljesuschurch.org>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM
	11:30 AM



Our Lady, Help of Christians

1201 Kingsbury Ave SE, Huntsville
(256) 801-9157

<http://ourladyhelpofchristians-al.org>

(Traditional Latin Mass)
Schedule:

Saturday	8:00 AM
Sunday (Low Mass)	7:00 AM

(High Mass)

9:00 AM

(Low Mass)

11:00 AM

Our Lady, Queen of the Universe

2421 Shady Lane, Huntsville

(256) 852-0788

<http://www.olqu.org>

Home to Council 16248

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

10:00 AM



St. John the Baptist

1055 Hughes Road, Madison

(256) 722-0130

<http://www.stjohnbchurch.org>

Home to Council 10232 and Assembly 2420

<https://www.madison-kofc.org/>

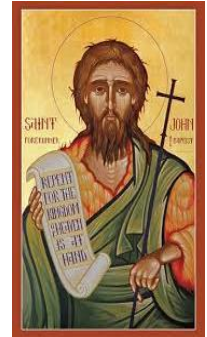
Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 7:00 AM

8:30 AM

11:30 AM



St. Joseph's

2300 Beasley Ave. NW, Huntsville

(256) 534-8459

<http://saintjosephcc.com>

Home to Council 18199

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:15 AM

11:15 AM

5:00 PM



St. Mary of the Visitation

222 Jefferson St. N, Huntsville

(256) 536-6349

<http://www.smvparish.org>

Home to Council 4080

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

11:00 AM



Requirements for Star Assembly

Publish and distribute to the Assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2023-2024 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master.

Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 7% additions over deletions.

Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2024.

Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2024 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.

1) Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2023-2024 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2024 on the "Civic Award" application.

2) Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186).

3) Complete and submit the Annual Audit (#1315) by August 1, 2023



Nominated Officers for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year

Faithful Navigator	Michael Schultz
Faithful Captain	Wilson Justiniano
Faithful Friar	Father Michael Mac Mahon
Faithful Pilot	Norm Reinagel
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Weist
Faithful Purser	Tony Coyle
Faithful Admiral	Bob Wertz

Faithful Scribe	
Inner Sentinel	Kevin Henricksen
Outer Sentinel	Robert McAuliffe
One Year Trustee	Mike Rose
Two Year Trustee	Chris Karigan
Three Year Trustee	Tim Steigerwald

Knights of Columbus Charities

Please consider donating to any of our Knights of Columbus charities (see below), or if you would like, consider making a contribution toward our Honor Guard Uniform Reimbursement funds by contacting [SK Mike Weist](#), as these funds will be separate from our Charitable funds.

- [Leave No Neighbor Behind Fund](#)
- [Christian Refugee Fund](#)
- [Disaster Relief](#)
- [Coats for Kids Program](#)
- [Culture of Life Fund](#)
- [Warriors to Lourdes Fund](#)
- [Vocations Fund](#)
- [Annual Appeal](#)
- [Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund](#)
- [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#)

For any issues or insurance needs, please contact our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent below:





**Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE**
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Cameron Ellis, MDRT
Fraternal Insurance Counselor
thomas.ellis@kofc.org
(251) 656-9505

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.



Years of Service for May and June

Sir Knight Josphe Serocki - 59 years	Sir Knight Robert North – 11 years	
Sir Knight Stephen Bette 36 years	Sir Knight Tim Steigerwald – 11 years	
Sir Knight Raymond Kluesner- 30 years	Sir Knight Matthew Boenker – 9 years	
Sir Knight Michael Custodio- 25 years	Sir Knight Rodolfo Chavez – 9 years	
Sir Knight Leonard Gonsewski- 21 years	Sir Knight Tony Coyle – 9 years	
Sir Knight Gregory Olsen- 17 years	Sir Knight Thomas Geoffroy – 9 years	
Sir Knight Brian Moran - 10 years	Sir Knight Richard Hibbs – 9 years	
Sir Knight Ulices Arreola- 1 year	Sir Knight Christopher Karigan – 9 years	
Sir Knight Juan Bucio- 1 year	Sir Knight Richard Kemp – 9 years	
Sir Knight David Bouska- 56 years	Sir Knight James Leonard – 9 years	
Sir Knight Michael Savinda- 56 years	Sir Knight Robert Smith – 9 years	
Sir Knight Fr. Philip O’Kennedy - 36 years	Sir Knight John Valentine – 9 years	
Sir Knight Harry Renfro- 26 years	Sir Knight Mark Anderson – 7 years	
Sir Knight James Mosley- 17 years	Sir Knight Demetrius Brooks – 7 years	
Sir Knight Fr. Vincent Bresowar – 11 years	Sir Knight Larry Carleton – 7 years	
Sir Knight James Derickson – 11 years	Sir Knight Thomas Dollman – 7 years	
Sir Knight James Goshen – 11 years	Sir Knight Michael Franzese- 7 years	
Sir Knight Lane Mousel – 11 years	Sir Knight Fr. David Koottala – 7 years	
Sir Knight Edward Muldoon - 11 years	Sir Knight Gary Mayers – 7 years	
Sir Knight Kevin Nash – 11 years	Sir Knight John Moore – 6 years	
		Sir Knight Jay Napieralski – 6 years
		Sir Knight Marco Ortega – 6 years
		Sir Knight Jesse Pascua – 6 years
		Sir Knight Ronald Bunnell – 5 years
		Sir Knight Daniel Celeski – 5 years
		Sir Knight Deacon Louis Citrano – 5 years
		Sir Knight Kevin Gordon – 5 years
		Sir Knight Deacon Lee Heckman – 5 years
		Sir Knight Philip Kromis – 5 years
		Sir Knight David Pohl – 5 years
		Sir Knight Jeremy Roper – 5 years
		Sir Knight Michael Schultz – 5 years
		Sir Knight Michael Sosbee – 5 years
		Sir Knight Thomas White – 5 years
		Sir Knight Carl Woida – 5 years
		Sir Knight Pater Wozny – 5 years
		Sir Knight Jeffrey McFetridge – 1 year



May and June Birthdays

May 3 - Sir Knight Chris Karigan
 May 3 - Sir Knight Jay Napieralski
 May 5 - Sir Knight Robert Wertz
 May 8 - Sir Knight Gregory Olsen
 May 10 - Sir Knight Norm Reinagel
 May 11 - Sir Knight Timothy Terry
 May 13 - Sir Knight Peter Trenkle
 May 13 - Sir Knight Kevin Henricksen
 May 16 - Sir Knight Andrew Carlsen
 May 16 - Sir Knight Claude Davis
 May 22 - Sir Knight Chris Henderson
 May 24 - Sir Knight Kirk Foeller
 May 28 - Sir Knight Charles Anderson
 May 29 - Sir Knight Timothy Karigan
 May 30 - Sir Knight David Bouska

June 2 - Sir Knight Fr. Vincent Bresowar
 June 3 - Sir Knight Lawrence Boland
 June 9 - Sir Knight Robert Benson
 June 9 - Sir Knight Larry Scott
 June 12 - Sir Knight Fletcher Cannon
 June 13 - Sir Knight Michael Kelley
 June 13 - Sir Knight Brian Joly
 June 15 - Sir Knight James Derrickson
 June 15 - Sir Knight Danny Bordeaux
 June 15 - Sir Knight Chris Holden
 June 16 – Sir Knight Rudy Chavez
 June 20 – Sir Knight Jeremy Roper
 June 20 – Sir Knight John Bellono
 June 22 – Sir Knight Juan Bucio
 June 25 – Sir Knight Deacon Lee Heckman
 June 25 – Sir Knight Bob Hirschbueller
 June 27 – Sir Knight Brian Moran
 June 27 – Sir Knight Michael Savinda
 June 30 – Sir Knight Bernard Morgan

Assembly 0004 News, Announcements, and Events

Good of the Assembly

Prayer Requests

AnCha Kelly
Michael Lenz
Bernie Stein
Frank Tomasello
Gary Beikirch
Gene Brock
Thomas Frost

Josie Keller
Bob Myrick
Blanca Algood
Bob Wertz
Dave Hoshaw
Steve Laws

Many of our Degree team will not be able to continue in their posts, as several of them have accepted positions and responsibilities with the State Council and other heavily involved positions within the Knights of Columbus. As such, we badly need Sir Knights to step up and volunteer to take their place! These are not incredibly difficult roles to rehearse, and while it works best to memorize your lines, there will be help available to remind you of your speaking parts. Please consider volunteering! If interested, please contact Faithful Navigator [Bob Wertz](#) or Faithful Comptroller [Mike Weist](#).

In addition to this newsletter and our website, we have re-established Social Media accounts on Facebook and Twitter in order to extend our outreach to the community. In that regard, if you have any activities you would like to announce for any of your individual Councils or the Assembly, please e-mail fathertreacy@gmail.com, and we will be sure to see that this information is passed along to everyone. We will still use e-mail directly for any Assembly business, but these Social Media platforms are very useful in helping spread the word on any of our activities beyond those in our Assembly. As such, please feel free to Like & Share said Social Media pages as well as any posts that you may want to share with family and friends. This can also become a boon for our recruiting activities as well! See below for links to our pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FatherTreacy/>
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FatherTreacy/>
 Website: <http://assembly0004.weebly.com/>

We have established a permanent virtual meeting room for our meetings via the GoToMeeting platform. Please see the information below, as this will be the portal for accessing said meetings.

Assembly 4 of the Knights Of Columbus

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/493228021>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(408\) 650-3123](tel:+14086503123)

Access Code: 493-228-021

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/493228021>

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Council 764 is organizing a Clergy Appreciation Dinner to acknowledge the Clergy of the Northwest and Northeast deaneries of the Birmingham Diocese and including the Cullman area. In addition, the Seminarians of the Birmingham Diocese have been invited.

The Council is asking for the support of the North Alabama Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies in this event.

Friday June 14th, 2024

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Parish Life Center

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

625 Airport Road

Huntsville,AL 35802

Individual Tickets	\$40
Full table (8 seats)	\$300
Support your Clergy's attendance	\$40

Online Registration: <https://knights-of-columbus-council-764.square.site/>

Or send payment to: Knights of Columbus Council 764

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Huntsville,AL 35802

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From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action.

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a record in charitable giving for the 18th consecutive year. Our charitable donations increased from \$175 million in 2015 to a new total of \$177,500,673 in 2016. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2016, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by Knights rose in 2016 by more than a million over the previous year's total.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our own unique charities include the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, Disaster Relief, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids. We also partner with international charities including Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity.

Through our Building the Domestic Church initiative, Knights and their families have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that deepen their faith, promote the New Evangelization, and strengthen our parishes.

"We are answering Pope Francis' call to go to the peripheries," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said. "We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith."

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of more than 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us.

The Patriotic Degree

On February 22, 1900, the first exemplification of this degree was held in New York City. The ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, was eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. Currently, any member of the Third Degree in good standing, regardless how long he has been a Knight, may join the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.

